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Brian A Gragnolati
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Dear Mr. Gragnolati,

We are writing to express our deepest concern about the recent decision by Suburban Hospital to close the HeartWell Clinic at the Rockville Senior Center. As you are aware, for six years the HeartWell nurse at the Rockville Senior Center has been a vital part of the over 200 seniors' lives that use the center each day.

We are grateful that for over 65 years Suburban Hospital has assured quality care to our community by adhering to its guiding mission of *improving health through skill and compassion*. It is at this time that the City of Rockville is asking that we do not lose the skill of Suburban's nurses or the compassion of Suburban Hospital to help those most in need.

We feel the HeartWell Clinic at the Rockville Senior Center should remain open, as it has for other HeartWell Clinics in the region. Closing the HeartWell Clinic at the Rockville Senior Center is not an equitable approach to providing services. It will have an adverse effect on the over 1,000 seniors that visit the Rockville Senior Center each week.

We hope that you replace the nurse and continue the HeartWell Clinic at the Rockville Senior Center. Although the nurse only provides care for ten hours per week, it is that care that often makes the biggest impact on their lives. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor

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